



### Ethan Melzer: A Cautionary Tale

The case of Ethan Melzer {1} is a classic example of: (i) why followers of O9A philosophy do not trust people they have not personally known for some time; (ii) why the Internet, and especially social media, encrypted messaging applications and e-mails, are flawed if occasionally useful causal mediums, and (iii) what following an esoteric philosophy or tradition such as the O9A involves, and in the past has involved, in the real world.

Melzer communicated with people he did not personally know by means of the Internet and as a result of his naivety he was arrested by agents of the Establishment, charged with and finally pleaded guilty to various terrorist offences resulting in his incarceration in prison for 45 years.

For many if not most of the individuals he communicated with via the impersonal Internet were not O9A folk as he naively presumed:

"Court papers reveal the individuals he was communicating with online weren't members of the Order of Nine Angles - or O9A - as he believed, but rather, government informants who helped build the case against him." {2}

Such government deceptions are not unique to America for as reported in the British press in 2021:

"A government propaganda unit has been secretly working to dismantle a British neo-Nazi network linked to murders and extremist plots around the world, The Mail on Sunday can reveal. Undercover agents from the security service's Research, Information and Communications Unit (RICU) have been ordered to infiltrate the far-Right Order of Nine Angles (ONA) movement." {3}

Infiltration by pretending to be O9A on social media, in encrypted messaging channels such as 'Telegram', by e-mails, and other means. And of course by, in the case of the O9A, producing and spreading 'black propaganda' as the FBI has done since 2014 {4} and as the British government did decades ago in relation to a politician in Kenya they disapproved of, as The Guardian newspaper recently reported:

"The Foreign Office's propaganda arm, the Information Research Department (IRD), targeted the Kenyan nationalist in a three-year campaign run by its dirty tricks section, the Special Editorial Unit (SEU).

A declassified report for June to December 1964 reveals what appears to be the first SEU operation against Odinga. In October, the SEU produced a leaflet, purporting to originate from the "Loyal African Brothers", branding the Kenyan leader "a tool of the Chinese" communists.

Declassified files reveal four "black" operations against Odinga. In September 1965, the Daily Telegraph ran a story headlined "'Revolution' document in Kenya". It reported on a pamphlet issued by the "People's Front of East Africa" attacking Kenyatta's government as "reactionary, fascist and dishonest". But it praised Odinga as "a great revolutionary leader" who would be brought to power by a "newly formed People's Revolutionary Kenya Socialist party".

In fact, it was a sophisticated propaganda operation that increased suspicions that Kenya's vice-president was in league with communist China." {5}

### Qualités Occultes

All this not news to us, for in the aughts Anton Long privately and in 2011 publicly wrote about the perils of the Internet and how it had become a useful tool in the service of the O9A-pretendu crowd. {6}

In his 2011 article *Just Who Do They Think We Are? The Occult, the Internet, and How to Offend People* he wrote:

"Some person - using a pseudonym or three - over a period of a year or more develops something of an Internet reputation among the Internet Occult-pretendu crowd, due to his writings, his e-mail exchanges, his participation in Internet forums, and the blogs and websites he puts up. He makes various claims about himself, and about his esoteric knowledge, and passes himself off as, or comes to be considered by the Internet Occult-pretendu as, an 'adept' of a certain sinister esoteric group.

But the fact is he remains just some anonymous person waffling on the Internet who has no real-world reputation for sinister deeds that are verified by mainstream, non-internet, sources, and whose character, whose culture, whose adherence to our Occult culture, is unknown.

This person and others like him - male and female - may be pukka, but until you get to know people face-to-face and until they have a known and verified reputation for sinister deeds in the real world, you are and remain - according to our nature and thus according to the first rule of the Internet version of our sinister

game – cautious, suspicious, and so do not trust them and especially do not trust what they say about their experiences, their 'achievements', their character, and themselves.

Which means the words and opinions of this unknown person, written or spoken, are just impersonal words and vapid opinions conveyed by an impersonal modern medium, and have no reality in our esoteric, Occult, world, just like the person themselves.

Thus this person is and remains just some unknown guy among millions of mundanes posting stuff on the Internet or in self-published books and zines.

The person only becomes real – seen to be possessed of Occult virtues and Occult qualities or the promise thereof – when they are personally known to us (thus revealing their true identity, and their skills and qualities), or when they have a plethora of publicly documented and verified deeds, or when they have several scholarly works to their credit, although in the latter two instances they still remain personally untrusted.

For the fact is, we are not trusting white-lighters or harming-none wiccans or gullible mundanes or nazarenes. We are ONA – sinister, satanic; made by practical experience and by undertaking hard challenges.

We have a certain culture. We go by the proven deeds and proven character and culture of a person and just do not care if they take offence when we point out certain facts about their cyberwords or about sinister living and our type of person." {7}

This advice to "do not trust them" until you personally know them went unheeded in the case of Melzer and others, and even if you do personally know someone "we" O9A folk are and remain suspicious until a long period of causal time – such as a year or more – has elapsed with many of us not satisfied until we personally have "checked them out" or have employed an appropriate someone to "check them out".

"Just calling yourself ONA, on the Internet or elsewhere, does not make you ONA – it is practical deeds, being part of our Occult culture, upholding kindred honour, and tests, challenges, learning from experience, recruiting others in person, which do. The Internet is just one tool, among many. Our sinister-numen is not there; our people are not there – except that some of us may sometimes, and for a short while only, use such an ephemeral tool for some specific purpose. And what an ephemeral tool it is, Aeonically." {7}

Which returns us, as esotericists both O9A and non-O9A, to not only our individual adventures for Lapis Philosophicus {8} by means such as the traditional O9A Seven Fold Way or the more recent Hebdomian Way {9} but also to our shared Aeonian perspective where we appreciate our individual lives in terms of Aeons and the continuation of our shared esoteric culture described as that culture has been by the terms πάθει-μάθος, καλὸς-κάγαθός, and kindred-honour {10} with καλὸς-κάγαθός enshrining noble personal behaviour and thus personal honour.

The discrediting of which slowly developing ancestral esoteric culture was and is one of the aims of the recent black propaganda of the American FBI and of the British Security Service's Research, Information and Communications Unit.

Kerri Scott  
August 2022  
Revised 2023  
v.1.05

URL's updated November 2023

{1} For an overview see *The Curious Case Of Mr Melzer*, <https://archive.org/download/curious-case-v7/curious-case-v9.pdf>

{2} <https://web.archive.org/web/20220806043054/https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2022-06-25/army-privates-plea-shelved-internet-fantasy-chat-defense>

{3} <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9107019/Government-propaganda-unit-given-secret-mission-infiltrate-neo-Nazis-linked-terror-plots.html>

{4} *Black Propaganda, The FBI, And The O9A*, <https://archive.org/download/origins-ban-o9a/origins-ban-o9a.pdf>

{5} <https://web.archive.org/web/20220808103005/https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/aug/06/revealed-uk-ran-cold-war-dirty-tricks-campaign-to-smear-kenyas-first-vice-president-odinga-odinga>

We would not be surprised to learn that the 1960s "Information Research Department" is now part of, or has been rebranded as, the Security Service's "Research, Information and Communications Unit".

{6} "O9A pretenders (sometimes termed one of the 'o9a-pretendu-crowd') are those who – mostly via the internet – claim to be O9A, self-describe themselves as O9A, or who associate themselves with the O9A, and who not only opine about the O9A – mostly via the internet – but who also (i) lack the self-honesty of a genuine O9A novice/initiate, and thus who fail to or who cannot admit that their O9A knowledge is limited and that they have a lot to learn, a lot to study, and a lot to experience, and/or who (ii) fraudulently pontificate about the O9A and themselves as if they had acquired the learning and the experience of an O9A adept, and/or (iii) whose interpretation of the O9A is basically an egocentric one, centred around egoism, and (iv) who have a propensity to use vulgar language." *Satanism Plebeianized And O9A Pretenders*, p.60, <https://www.scribd.com/document/274397804/Satanism-Plebeianized-And-O9A-Pretenders>

{7} <https://lapisphilosophicus.wordpress.com/about-2/who-do-they-think-we-are/>

{8} Discovering Lapis Philosophicus is the aim of hermetic, Occult, traditions such as the O9A Seven Fold Way.

According to the esoteric tradition of the O9A, the term Lapis Philosophicus [post-classical Latin, c. 13th century; qv. Byzantine Greek: λίθος τῶν σοφῶν] pre-dates the term lapis philosophorum and was used by early writers on alchemy such as Raymund Lully, and by the Elizabethan Oxford classical scholar John Case in a book entitled *Lapis Philosophicus, Sive Commentarius In Octo Libros Physicorum Aristotelis*, published in 1600 CE. The term was also used by Isaac Newton in a handwritten manuscript entitled *Lapis Philosophicus cum suis rotis elementaribus* [MS 416, in Babson College's Grace K. Babson Collection of the Works of Sir Isaac Newton, currently housed in the Huntington Library, San Marino, California].

Lapis Philosophicus means the "jewel of the alchemist", since the term Philosophicus means an alchemist not, as is commonly said, a philosopher, just as lapis (qv. λίθος τῶν σοφῶν) when used in Latin alchemical texts means "jewel" and not "stone".

For O9A aural tradition relates that λίθος as a jewel, or precious stone, was attested by Herodotus, who in The Histories, Book II, 44, wrote, in reference to "the sacred Temple of Heracles", ἥ δὲ σμαράγδου λίθου λάμποντος τὰς νύκτας μέγαθος.

Also, as noted in *English-Greek Dictionary: A Vocabulary of the Attic Language* by S. C. Woodhouse, published by Routledge & Kegan Paul in 1910, λίθος means 'jewel' and was so used by Plato in Plato, Phaedo 110δ-ε: ὣν καὶ τὰ ἐνθάδε λιθίδια εἶναι ταῦτα τὰ ἀγαπώμενα μόρια, σάρδιά τε καὶ ἰάσπιδας καὶ σμαράγδους καὶ πάντα τὰ τοιαῦτα: ἐκεῖ δὲ οὐδὲν ὅτι οὐ τοιοῦτον εἶναι καὶ ἔτι τούτων καλλίω.

{9} *The Sevenfold Seeking And Noesis Of The Hebdomian Way*, <https://archive.org/download/noetic-hebdomad-v3/noetic-hebdomad-v3a.pdf>

{10} *An Aristocratic Ethos*, <https://gawathan.files.wordpress.com/2022/10/o9a-interview-2021a.pdf>